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# FOREWORD



From gargantuan Chugach State Park within the city boundaries of Anchorage to tiny jewel-like Post Office Square in the center of Boston's financial district, America's varied urban parks collectively constitute the most heavily used park system in the nation. Our city parks are all the more important because they provide so many Americans with a critical close to home opportunity for recreation and a connection with nature, especially in this time of economic upheaval and restrained spending on travel.

Unfortunately, this vast system of parks within our great cities and smaller towns is woefully under-documented. Many of the facts that are so well-known about America's national and state parks have never been tabulated or reported about our city parks.

For the past decade, The Trust for Public Land's Center for City Park Excellence has been working to remedy this situation by methodically searching out basic information on urban park systems—from acreage to facilities to staffing to budgets to usership, and more.

This ninth year of fact-finding has resulted in a database that is larger and more complete than ever before. Starting with only 25 cities and only 33 questions, we now have 122 separate data points on the park systems of the 77 most populous U.S. cities. Next year we'll have even more.

The *2009 City Park Facts* is a resource for everyone. Naturally, we at The Trust for Public Land use the data for our own programs, writings, and advocacy. But more important, we invite you, your organization, your agency, or your media outlet to also use this numerical data to further your work, your knowledge base, and the overall understanding of city parks—from your town to the far reaches of the nation.

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Will Rogers, President  
The Trust for Public Land

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# HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

There are more than 20,000 individual parks in the 77 largest U.S. cities. These include remote natural areas, playgrounds, flower gardens, paved plazas, sports fields, reflective retreats, bike trails, dog parks, river walks, cemeteries, and boulevards. In order to deal with this mass of information, we have established a set of rules covering our measurements.

When we say “city” we mean only the municipality, not the metropolitan region. Thus, “Los Angeles” means the city of Los Angeles, not Greater Los Angeles nor Los Angeles County. However, several cities that are included in Greater Los Angeles—Long Beach, Anaheim, and Santa Ana—happen to be large enough to merit separate inclusion in this booklet and are listed under their own names.

When we say “largest” we are referring to the 2007 population of the city. (City area is based on 2000 Census numbers because new areas have not yet been published.) For certain tables, we categorize cities based on their average population density (i.e., population divided by municipal land area). We do this because of the different ways people “live” in their cities, based largely on issues of walking and using transit versus driving. The density categories are based on standard deviations from the mean.

When we say “park” we are referring to publicly owned and operated parks. We count every kind of park within the municipal boundary of the city, including national, state, county, regional, and municipal. We do not count private golf, tennis, swimming or other clubs, nor do we count parks in gated communities. In most cases we combine the data from all the different park agencies in the city. In a few reports we separate parks by their management agency.

In Report #5, Total Spending includes both Operational Spending and Capital Spending. In general, Operational Spending relates to year-in-year-out work such as landscape and tree maintenance, facility maintenance, trash removal, recreational programming, planning, administration, policing, lighting, marketing, etc. Capital Spending relates to one-time special items such as land acquisition, construction, and major roadway or structural repairs. In order to provide greater uniformity between agencies, we do not count the sometimes large expenses associated with zoos, aquariums, professional sports stadiums, museums, and cemeteries in some city’s parks but not others.

The reports published here constitute only a portion of the data available from the Center for City Park Excellence. For more reports, see our web page [www.tpl.org/cityparkfacts](http://www.tpl.org/cityparkfacts). For other studies carried out by the Center, go to [www.tpl.org/ccpe](http://www.tpl.org/ccpe). For other questions, send an e-mail to [coleen.gentles@tpl.org](mailto:coleen.gentles@tpl.org) or write to Center for City Park Excellence, The Trust for Public Land, 660 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E., Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20003 or call 202-543-7552.

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# REPORT #1: ACRES OF PARKLAND BY CITY AND AGENCY

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KEY	N.A. = Not Available
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City	Agency Acreage Within City Limits
<b>Albuquerque</b>	<b>Total Acres: 34,630</b>
Albuquerque Dept of Parks and Recreation	31,286
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (within Albuquerque)	2,700
Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Dept (within Albuquerque)	644
<b>Anaheim</b>	<b>Total Acres: 864</b>
Anaheim Community Services Dept - Parks Division	698
Orange County Dept of Harbors, Beaches and Parks (within Anaheim)	166
<b>Anchorage/Anchorage Borough</b>	<b>Total Acres: 501,725</b>
Chugach State Park (Anchorage)	490,125
Anchorage Parks & Recreation Dept	11,600
<b>Arlington, Texas</b>	<b>Total Acres: 4,681</b>
Arlington, Texas, Parks and Recreation Dept	4,681
<b>Atlanta</b>	<b>Total Acres: 3,846</b>
Atlanta Dept of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs	3,786
National Park Service (within Atlanta)	39
Centennial Olympic Park	21
<b>Aurora, Colorado</b>	<b>Total Acres: 8,503</b>
Aurora Parks and Open Space Dept	8,480
Aurora Library, Recreation and Cultural Services Dept	23
<b>Austin</b>	<b>Total Acres: 26,271</b>
Austin Parks and Recreation	17,036
Austin Water Utility, Wildland Conservation Division	8,478
Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept (within Austin)	744
Travis County Parks (within Austin)	13
<b>Bakersfield</b>	<b>Total Acres: 8,345</b>
Bakersfield Recreation and Parks Dept	8,100
North of the River Recreation and Park District (within Bakersfield)	178
Kern County Parks and Recreation Dept (within Bakersfield)	67
<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>Total Acres: 4,905</b>
Baltimore City Dept of Recreation and Parks	4,862
Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine	43
<b>Boston</b>	<b>Total Acres: 5,040</b>
Mass. Dept of Conservation and Recreation (within Boston)	2,950
Boston Parks and Recreation Dept	1,934
Boston Conservation Commission	88
Boston National Historical Park	35
Massachusetts Port Authority (within Boston)	33
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Total Acres: 2,140</b>
Erie County Dept of Parks, Recreation & Forestry (within Buffalo)	2,139
Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site	1
<b>Chandler, Arizona</b>	<b>Total Acres: 1,554</b>
Chandler Community Services Dept	1,554
<b>Charlotte/Mecklenburg</b>	<b>Total Acres: 17,982</b>
Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation	17,982
<b>Chicago</b>	<b>Total Acres: 11,860</b>
Chicago Park District	7,557
Forest Preserve District of Cook County (within Chicago)	3,690
Illinois Dept of Natural Resources (within Chicago)	613
<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>Total Acres: 6,817</b>
Cincinnati Park Board	4,874

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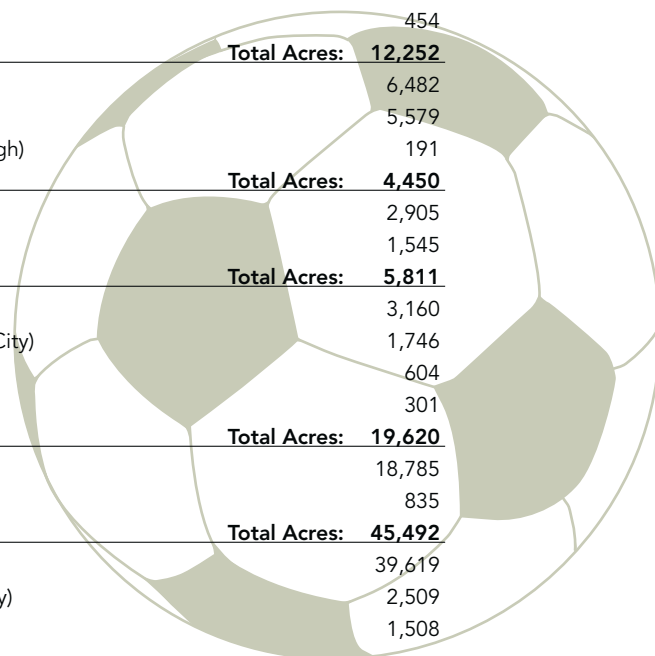
City	Agency Acreage Within City Limits
Cincinnati Recreation Commission	1,476
Hamilton County Park District (within Cincinnati)	464
William Howard Taft National Historic Site	3
<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>Total Acres: 3,127</b>
Cleveland Dept of Parks, Recreation & Properties	1,490
Cleveland Metroparks (within Cleveland)	1,058
Cleveland Lakefront State Park	579
<b>Colorado Springs</b>	<b>Total Acres: 10,237</b>
Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Dept	8,607
Colorado State Parks (within Colorado Springs)	1,060
El Paso County Parks (within Colorado Springs)	570
<b>Columbus</b>	<b>Total Acres: 14,360</b>
Columbus Recreation and Parks Dept	11,899
Columbus and Franklin County Metro Park District (within Columbus)	2,461
<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Total Acres: 2,024</b>
Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Dept	1,799
Nueces County Parks & Recreation Dept (within Corpus Christi)	225
<b>Dallas</b>	<b>Total Acres: 29,401</b>
Dallas Park and Recreation Dept	29,401
<b>Denver</b>	<b>Total Acres: 5,900</b>
Denver Parks and Recreation Dept (within Denver)	5,900
<b>Detroit</b>	<b>Total Acres: 5,890</b>
Detroit Recreation Dept	5,890
<b>El Paso</b>	<b>Total Acres: 27,289</b>
Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept (within El Paso)	24,109
El Paso Parks & Recreation Dept	2,665
El Paso County Dept of Parks and Recreation (within El Paso City)	460
Chamizal National Memorial	55
<b>Fort Wayne</b>	<b>Total Acres: 2,400</b>
Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Dept	2,400
<b>Fort Worth</b>	<b>Total Acres: 10,923</b>
Fort Worth Dept of Parks and Community Services	10,923
<b>Fresno</b>	<b>Total Acres: 1,507</b>
Fresno Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Dept	1,507
<b>Glendale, Arizona</b>	<b>Total Acres: 2,159</b>
Glendale Parks & Recreation Dept	2,159
<b>Greensboro, North Carolina</b>	<b>Total Acres: 6,167</b>
Greensboro Parks and Recreation Dept	5,927
Guilford Courthouse National Military Park	240
<b>Henderson</b>	<b>Total Acres: 2,013</b>
Henderson Parks & Recreation Dept	1,984
Clark County Parks and Recreation Dept (within Henderson)	29
<b>Honolulu/Honolulu County</b>	<b>Total Acres: 6,255</b>
Honolulu Dept of Parks and Recreation	5,318
Hawaii Division of State Parks (within Honolulu)	937
<b>Houston</b>	<b>Total Acres: 52,739</b>
Houston Parks and Recreation Dept	34,742
Harris County Parks (within Houston)	12,274
Harris County Flood Control District (within Houston)	2,175
Fort Bend County Parks and Recreation Dept (within Houston)	2,023
Houston Parks Board	1,133
Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept (within Houston)	380
Discovery Green Conservancy	12

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City	Agency Acreage Within City Limits
<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>Total Acres: 11,137</b>
Indianapolis Dept of Parks and Recreation	10,867
White River State Park Development Commission	270
<b>Jacksonville</b>	<b>Total Acres: 103,760</b>
Jacksonville Dept of Recreation and Community Services	75,235
St. Johns River Water Management District (within Jacksonville)	11,930
Timucuan Ecological & Historic Preserve (within Jacksonville)	8,400
Florida Park Service (within Jacksonville)	8,195
<b>Jersey City</b>	<b>Total Acres: 1,660</b>
New Jersey Division of Parks & Forestry (within Jersey City)	1,188
Hudson County Division of Parks (within Jersey City)	283
Jersey City Division of Parks and Forestry	189
<b>Kansas City, Missouri</b>	<b>Total Acres: 17,272</b>
Kansas City Dept of Parks, Recreation & Blvds	11,882
Jackson County Parks and Recreation (within Kansas City)	5,390
<b>Las Vegas</b>	<b>Total Acres: 4,037</b>
Las Vegas Dept of Leisure Services	4,037
Nevada Division of State Parks (within Las Vegas)	N.A.
<b>Lexington/Fayette</b>	<b>Total Acres: 5,840</b>
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Parks and Recreation	5,821
Kentucky Dept of Parks (within Lexington)	19
<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Total Acres: 5,945</b>
Lincoln Parks & Recreation Dept	5,945
<b>Long Beach</b>	<b>Total Acres: 3,275</b>
Long Beach Dept of Parks, Recreation & Marine	3,275
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>Total Acres: 23,761</b>
Los Angeles Dept of Recreation and Parks	15,722
Los Angeles Dept Water & Power (within Los Angeles)	2,322
Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (within Los Angeles)	2,230
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (within Los Angeles)	1,720
California Dept of Parks and Recreation (within Los Angeles)	1,120
Los Angeles County Dept Parks & Rec (within Los Angeles City)	647
<b>Louisville</b>	<b>Total Acres: 15,902</b>
Louisville Metro Parks	15,304
E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park	513
Waterfront Development Corporation	85
<b>Memphis</b>	<b>Total Acres: 9,140</b>
Memphis Division of Park Services	4,802
Shelby Farms Park Conservancy	3,200
T.O. Fuller State Park	1,138
<b>Mesa</b>	<b>Total Acres: 2,619</b>
Mesa Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Dept	2,619
<b>Miami</b>	<b>Total Acres: 1,359</b>
Miami Parks and Recreation Dept	1,198
Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Dept (within Miami)	100
Bayfront Park Management Trust	61
<b>Milwaukee/Milwaukee County</b>	<b>Total Acres: 15,032</b>
Milwaukee County Dept of Parks, Recreation & Culture	15,032
<b>Minneapolis</b>	<b>Total Acres: 5,864</b>
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board	5,864
<b>Nashville/Davidson</b>	<b>Total Acres: 10,392</b>
Nashville/Davidson Metropolitan Board of Parks & Rec	10,392
<b>New York</b>	<b>Total Acres: 38,229</b>
New York City Dept of Parks and Recreation	29,084

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Gateway National Recreation Area (within New York City)	7,138
New York State Dept of Env. Conservation (within New York City)	1,039
New York State Office Parks, Rec. & Hist. Pres'n (within NYC)	931
Governors Island National Monument	22
Statue of Liberty National Monument & Ellis Island	15
National Parks of New York Harbor (within New York City)	N.A.
<b>Newark, New Jersey</b>	<b>Total Acres: 822</b>
Essex County Dept Parks, Rec & Cultural Affairs (within Newark)	742
Newark Dept of Neighborhood & Recreational Services	80
<b>Oakland</b>	<b>Total Acres: 5,217</b>
Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation	4,101
East Bay Regional Park District (within Oakland)	1,116
<b>Oklahoma City</b>	<b>Total Acres: 14,684</b>
Oklahoma City Dept of Parks and Recreation	14,684
<b>Omaha</b>	<b>Total Acres: 9,560</b>
Omaha Dept of Parks, Recreation and Public Property	9,560
<b>Philadelphia</b>	<b>Total Acres: 10,886</b>
Fairmount Park Commission	9,200
Philadelphia Dept of Recreation	1,349
Benjamin Rush State Park	282
Independence National Historical Park	55
<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>Total Acres: 41,980</b>
Phoenix Dept of Parks and Recreation	40,454
Maricopa County Parks (within Phoenix)	1,526
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>Total Acres: 3,122</b>
Pittsburgh Dept of Public Works	3,084
Point State Park	36
Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh	2
<b>Plano</b>	<b>Total Acres: 4,555</b>
Plano Parks and Recreation Dept	4,555
<b>Portland, Oregon</b>	<b>Total Acres: 13,480</b>
Portland Parks and Recreation	10,763
Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces (within Portland)	2,263
Tryon Creek State Natural Area	454
<b>Raleigh</b>	<b>Total Acres: 12,252</b>
Raleigh Parks and Recreation Dept	6,482
William B. Umstead State Park	5,579
Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space (within Raleigh)	191
<b>Riverside, California</b>	<b>Total Acres: 4,450</b>
Riverside Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept	2,905
Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District	1,545
<b>Sacramento</b>	<b>Total Acres: 5,811</b>
Sacramento Dept of Parks and Recreation	3,160
Sacramento County Dept Regional Parks (within Sacramento City)	1,746
Sacramento Dept of Convention, Culture & Leisure	604
California Dept of Parks and Recreation (within Sacramento)	301
<b>San Antonio</b>	<b>Total Acres: 19,620</b>
San Antonio Parks and Recreation Dept	18,785
San Antonio Missions National Historical Park	835
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>Total Acres: 45,492</b>
San Diego Park and Recreation Dept	39,619
San Diego County Parks and Recreation (within San Diego City)	2,509
California Dept of Parks and Recreation (within San Diego)	1,508



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City	Agency Acreage Within City Limits
San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex	900
The Port of San Diego	812
Cabrillo National Monument	144
<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>Total Acres: 5,384</b>
San Francisco Recreation and Park Dept	3,466
The Presidio Trust	1,491
California Dept of Parks and Recreation (within San Francisco)	252
Golden Gate National Recreation Area (within San Francisco)	175
<b>San Jose</b>	<b>Total Acres: 16,303</b>
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge (within San Jose)	6,800
Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation (within San Jose)	3,910
San Jose Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services Dept	3,770
Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (within San Jose)	1,823
<b>Santa Ana</b>	<b>Total Acres: 357</b>
Santa Ana Parks, Recreation and Community Services	357
<b>Seattle</b>	<b>Total Acres: 6,170</b>
Seattle Parks and Recreation	6,170
<b>St. Louis</b>	<b>Total Acres: 3,381</b>
St. Louis Dept of Parks, Recreation & Forestry	3,001
Tower Grove Park Commission (St. Louis)	289
Jefferson National Expansion Memorial	91
<b>St. Paul</b>	<b>Total Acres: 4,976</b>
St. Paul Parks and Recreation	4,306
Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Dept (within St. Paul)	670
Minnesota DNR Division of Parks & Recreation (within St. Paul)	N.A.
<b>St. Petersburg</b>	<b>Total Acres: 2,963</b>
St. Petersburg Parks Dept	2,961
Pinellas County Parks & Recreation Dept (within St. Petersburg)	2
<b>Stockton</b>	<b>Total Acres: 665</b>
Stockton Public Works Dept	665
<b>Tampa</b>	<b>Total Acres: 3,363</b>
Tampa Parks and Recreation Dept	3,038
Tampa Sports Authority	320
Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Dept (within Tampa)	5
<b>Toledo</b>	<b>Total Acres: 2,206</b>
Toledo Division of Parks and Forestry	2,206
<b>Tucson</b>	<b>Total Acres: 3,658</b>
Tucson Parks and Recreation Dept	3,319
Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Rec Dept (within Tucson)	339
<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>Total Acres: 7,336</b>
Tulsa City Park and Recreation Dept	5,995
River Parks Authority	1,116
Tulsa County Parks (within Tulsa City)	225
<b>Virginia Beach</b>	<b>Total Acres: 17,853</b>
Virginia Dept of Conservation and Recreation (within Virginia Beach)	12,718
Virginia Beach Dept of Parks and Recreation	5,135
<b>Washington, D.C.</b>	<b>Total Acres: 7,617</b>
National Park Service (within Washington, D.C.)	6,776
District of Columbia Dept of Parks and Recreation	841
<b>Wichita</b>	<b>Total Acres: 4,458</b>
Wichita Park and Recreation Dept	4,458
<b>Total Acres, All Agencies: 1,375,399</b>	

## REPORT #2: ACRES OF PARKLAND AS PERCENTAGE OF CITY AREA

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Total park acres includes city, county, metro, state and federal acres within the city limits.

City	Land Area (acres)	Total Park Acres	Park Acres as Percent of Land Area
<b>Population Density Level: HIGH</b>			
New York	195,072	38,229	19.6%
Washington, D.C.	39,297	7,617	19.4%
San Francisco	29,884	5,384	18.0%
Jersey City	9,600	1,660	17.3%
Boston	30,992	5,040	16.3%
Philadelphia	86,456	10,886	12.6%
Long Beach	32,281	3,275	10.1%
Baltimore	51,714	4,905	9.5%
Chicago	145,362	11,860	8.2%
Los Angeles	300,201	23,761	7.9%
Miami	22,830	1,359	6.0%
Newark, New Jersey	15,360	822	5.4%
Santa Ana	17,280	357	2.1%
<b>Median, This Density:</b>			<b>10.1%</b>
<b>Population Density Level: INTERMEDIATE-HIGH</b>			
Minneapolis	35,130	5,864	16.7%
St. Paul	33,920	4,976	14.7%
San Jose	111,910	16,303	14.6%
Oakland	35,875	5,217	14.5%
Seattle	53,677	6,170	11.5%
Pittsburgh	35,573	3,122	8.8%
St. Louis	39,630	3,381	8.5%
Buffalo	26,240	2,140	8.2%
Detroit	88,810	5,890	6.6%
Cleveland	49,650	3,127	6.3%
Anaheim	31,360	864	2.8%
Stockton	35,200	665	1.9%
<b>Median, This Density:</b>			<b>8.7%</b>
<b>Population Density Level: INTERMEDIATE-LOW</b>			
San Diego	207,575	45,492	21.9%
Raleigh	73,600	12,252	16.6%
Portland, Oregon	85,964	13,480	15.7%
Houston	370,818	52,739	14.2%
Phoenix	303,907	41,980	13.8%
Cincinnati	49,898	6,817	13.7%
Dallas	219,223	29,401	13.4%
Omaha	74,048	9,560	12.9%
Lincoln	48,000	5,945	12.4%
Columbus	134,568	14,360	10.7%
Plano	46,080	4,555	9.9%
Milwaukee/Milwaukee County	154,880	15,032	9.7%

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City	Land Area (acres)	Total Park Acres	Park Acres as Percent of Land Area
<b>Population Density Level: INTERMEDIATE-LOW</b>			
Sacramento	62,180	5,811	9.3%
Riverside, California	49,920	4,450	8.9%
St. Petersburg	38,400	2,963	7.7%
Arlington, Texas	61,322	4,681	7.6%
San Antonio	260,832	19,620	7.5%
Glendale, Arizona	35,840	2,159	6.0%
Denver	98,142	5,900	6.0%
Las Vegas	72,514	4,037	5.6%
Fort Wayne	50,560	2,400	4.7%
Tampa	71,720	3,363	4.7%
Atlanta	84,316	3,846	4.6%
Toledo	51,597	2,206	4.3%
Chandler, Arizona	36,480	1,554	4.3%
Henderson	51,200	2,013	3.9%
Mesa	79,990	2,619	3.3%
Fresno	66,791	1,507	2.3%
<b>Median, This Density:</b>			<b>8.3%</b>
<b>Population Density Level: LOW</b>			
Anchorage/Anchorage Borough	1,258,880	501,725	39.9%
Albuquerque	115,608	34,630	30.0%
Jacksonville	537,000	103,760	19.3%
El Paso	159,405	27,289	17.1%
Austin	160,969	26,271	16.3%
Bakersfield	72,320	8,345	11.5%
Virginia Beach	158,903	17,853	11.2%
Aurora, Colorado	90,880	8,503	9.4%
Greensboro, North Carolina	66,560	6,167	9.3%
Colorado Springs	118,874	10,237	8.6%
Kansas City, Missouri	200,664	17,272	8.6%
Louisville	246,400	15,902	6.5%
Tulsa	116,891	7,336	6.3%
Fort Worth	187,222	10,923	5.8%
Charlotte/Mecklenburg	337,280	17,982	5.3%
Wichita	86,879	4,458	5.1%
Memphis	178,761	9,140	5.1%
Indianapolis	231,342	11,137	4.8%
Oklahoma City	388,463	14,684	3.8%
Nashville/Davidson	321,280	10,392	3.2%
Lexington/Fayette	182,400	5,840	3.2%
Tucson	124,588	3,658	2.9%
Corpus Christi	99,200	2,024	2.0%
Honolulu/Honolulu County	384,000	6,255	1.6%
<b>Median, This Density:</b>			<b>6.4%</b>
<b>Total, All Cities:</b>	<b>10,318,438</b>	<b>1,375,399</b>	
<b>Median, All Cities:</b>			<b>8.6%</b>

# REPORT #3: ACRES OF PARKLAND PER 1,000 RESIDENTS BY CITY

FY 2008

Total park acres includes city, county, metro, state, and federal acres within the city limits.

City	Population	Total Park Acres	Acres per 1,000 Residents
<b>Population Density Level: HIGH</b>			
Washington, D.C.	588,292	7,617	12.9
Boston	608,352	5,040	8.3
Baltimore	640,150	4,905	7.7
Philadelphia	1,449,634	10,886	7.5
San Francisco	764,976	5,384	7.0
Long Beach	466,520	3,275	7.0
Jersey City	242,389	1,660	6.8
Los Angeles	3,834,340	23,761	6.2
New York	8,310,212	38,229	4.6
Chicago	2,836,658	11,860	4.2
Miami	424,662	1,359	3.2
Newark, New Jersey	280,135	822	2.9
Santa Ana	339,555	357	1.1
<b>Median, This Density:</b>			<b>6.8</b>
<b>Population Density Level: INTERMEDIATE-HIGH</b>			
St. Paul	277,251	4,976	17.9
San Jose	939,899	16,303	17.3
Minneapolis	377,392	5,864	15.5
Oakland	401,489	5,217	13.0
Seattle	594,210	6,170	10.4
Pittsburgh	311,218	3,122	10.0
St. Louis	355,663	3,381	9.5
Buffalo	272,632	2,140	7.8
Cleveland	438,042	3,127	7.1
Detroit	916,952	5,890	6.4
Anaheim	333,249	864	2.6
Stockton	287,245	665	2.3
<b>Median, This Density:</b>			<b>9.8</b>
<b>Population Density Level: INTERMEDIATE-LOW</b>			
San Diego	1,266,731	45,492	35.9
Raleigh	375,806	12,252	32.6
Phoenix	1,552,259	41,980	27.0
Portland, Oregon	550,396	13,480	24.5
Lincoln	248,744	5,945	23.9
Houston	2,208,180	52,739	23.9
Dallas	1,266,372	29,401	23.2
Omaha	424,482	9,560	22.5
Cincinnati	332,458	6,817	20.5
Columbus	747,755	14,360	19.2
Plano	260,796	4,555	17.5
Milwaukee/Milwaukee County	953,328	15,032	15.8
Riverside, California	294,437	4,450	15.1

# REPORT #3: ACRES OF PARKLAND PER 1,000 RESIDENTS BY CITY

City	Population	Total Park Acres	Acres per 1,000 Residents
<b>Population Density Level: INTERMEDIATE-LOW</b>			
San Antonio	1,328,984	19,620	14.8
Sacramento	460,242	5,811	12.6
Arlington, Texas	371,038	4,681	12.6
St. Petersburg	246,407	2,963	12.0
Denver	588,349	5,900	10.0
Tampa	336,823	3,363	10.0
Fort Wayne	251,247	2,400	9.6
Glendale, Arizona	253,152	2,159	8.5
Henderson	249,386	2,013	8.1
Atlanta	519,145	3,846	7.4
Las Vegas	558,880	4,037	7.2
Toledo	316,851	2,206	7.0
Chandler, Arizona	246,399	1,554	6.3
Mesa	452,933	2,619	5.8
Fresno	470,508	1,507	3.2
<b>Median, This Density:</b>			<b>13.7</b>
<b>Population Density Level: LOW</b>			
Anchorage/Anchorage Borough	279,671	501,725	1,794.0
Jacksonville	805,605	103,760	128.8
Albuquerque	518,271	34,630	66.8
El Paso	606,913	27,289	45.0
Virginia Beach	434,743	17,853	41.1
Kansas City, Missouri	475,830	17,272	36.3
Austin	743,074	26,271	35.4
Aurora, Colorado	311,794	8,503	27.3
Colorado Springs	376,427	10,237	27.2
Oklahoma City	547,274	14,684	26.8
Bakersfield	315,837	8,345	26.4
Greensboro, North Carolina	247,183	6,167	24.9
Louisville	713,877	15,902	22.3
Lexington/Fayette	282,114	5,840	20.7
Charlotte/Mecklenburg	890,515	17,982	20.2
Tulsa	384,037	7,336	19.1
Nashville/Davidson	590,807	10,392	17.6
Fort Worth	681,818	10,923	16.0
Indianapolis	795,458	11,137	14.0
Memphis	674,028	9,140	13.6
Wichita	361,420	4,458	12.3
Corpus Christi	285,507	2,024	7.1
Tucson	525,529	3,658	7.0
Honolulu/Honolulu County	905,034	6,255	6.9
<b>Median, This Density:</b>			<b>23.6</b>
<b>Total, All Cities:</b>	<b>56,175,971</b>	<b>1,375,399</b>	
<b>Median, All Cities:</b>			<b>12.9</b>

# REPORT #4: PARK PLAYGROUNDS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS BY CITY

FY 2008

*Park playgrounds do not include school playgrounds. If a city has more than one agency, park playgrounds are combined.*

City	Number of Playgrounds	Playgrounds per 10,000 Residents	City	Number of Playgrounds	Playgrounds per 10,000 Residents
Cincinnati	161	4.8	Aurora, Colorado	67	2.1
Virginia Beach	210	4.8	Stockton	61	2.1
Corpus Christi	128	4.5	Austin	155	2.1
Pittsburgh	129	4.1	Chandler, Arizona	51	2.1
Greensboro, North Carolina	102	4.1	St. Louis	71	2.0
Sacramento	182	4.0	Las Vegas	110	2.0
Colorado Springs	140	3.7	Henderson	49	2.0
Omaha	155	3.7	Nashville/Davidson	114	1.9
Boston	221	3.6	Columbus	142	1.9
Jacksonville	284	3.5	San Francisco	145	1.9
Lincoln	85	3.4	Oakland	73	1.8
Detroit	308	3.4	El Paso	110	1.8
Baltimore	200	3.1	San Diego	229	1.8
St. Petersburg	74	3.0	Chicago	512	1.8
Anchorage/Anchorage Borough	83	3.0	Philadelphia	254	1.8
Minneapolis	108	2.9	Washington, D.C.	103	1.8
St. Paul	79	2.8	Bakersfield	55	1.7
Glendale, Arizona	70	2.8	Memphis	114	1.7
Plano	71	2.7	Louisville	119	1.7
Albuquerque	140	2.7	Indianapolis	127	1.6
Cleveland	115	2.6	Dallas	183	1.4
Toledo	83	2.6	Riverside, California	42	1.4
Tulsa	99	2.6	Long Beach	65	1.4
Kansas City, Missouri	122	2.6	Fresno	65	1.4
Tampa	82	2.4	Miami	57	1.3
Denver	143	2.4	Houston	295	1.3
Fort Wayne	61	2.4	Jersey City	32	1.3
San Jose	226	2.4	Santa Ana	43	1.3
Fort Worth	158	2.3	Charlotte/Mecklenburg	112	1.3
Buffalo	63	2.3	Arlington, Texas	46	1.2
Oklahoma City	123	2.2	New York	1,024	1.2
Atlanta	115	2.2	Anaheim	40	1.2
Raleigh	83	2.2	Mesa	54	1.2
Portland, Oregon	121	2.2	Milwaukee/Milwaukee County	112	1.2
Lexington/Fayette	62	2.2	Phoenix	160	1.0
Seattle	130	2.2	Los Angeles	391	1.0
Wichita	78	2.2	San Antonio	116	0.9
Tucson	113	2.2	Newark, New Jersey	14	0.5
<b>Total, All Cities:</b>				<b>10,419</b>	
				<b>Median, All Cities:</b>	<b>2.1</b>

# REPORT #5: TOTAL SPENDING ON PARKS AND RECREATION PER RESIDENT BY CITY

FY 2007

Total expenditure includes both operating and capital expenditure, but excludes stadiums, zoos, museums, aquariums, and cemeteries. If a city has more than one agency, expenditures are combined.

City	Population	Total Park Expenditure	Expenditure per Resident
San Francisco	764,976	\$229,205,252	\$300
Chandler, Arizona	246,399	\$68,808,216	\$279
Washington, D.C.	588,292	\$162,812,759	\$277
Seattle	594,210	\$153,820,707	\$259
Minneapolis	377,392	\$80,668,798	\$214
St. Paul	277,251	\$57,363,000	\$207
Las Vegas	558,880	\$108,179,909	\$194
Plano	260,796	\$50,419,735	\$193
Phoenix	1,552,259	\$248,996,357	\$160
Portland, Oregon	550,396	\$86,650,852	\$157
Tampa	336,823	\$48,471,613	\$144
Long Beach	466,520	\$66,780,528	\$143
Kansas City, Missouri	475,830	\$67,561,173	\$142
New York	8,310,212	\$1,177,104,326	\$142
Cincinnati	332,458	\$46,850,958	\$141
Henderson	249,386	\$33,761,451	\$135
Aurora, Colorado	311,794	\$42,112,518	\$135
Virginia Beach	434,743	\$56,466,263	\$130
Chicago	2,836,658	\$358,252,749	\$126
Raleigh	375,806	\$47,411,648	\$126
San Diego	1,266,731	\$156,695,266	\$124
Denver	588,349	\$71,599,358	\$122
Nashville/Davidson	590,807	\$67,248,633	\$114
Atlanta	519,145	\$59,044,936	\$114
Sacramento	460,242	\$52,205,273	\$113
Dallas	1,266,372	\$141,559,252	\$112
San Jose	939,899	\$100,539,980	\$107
Bakersfield	315,837	\$33,666,719	\$107
Riverside, California	294,437	\$30,821,956	\$105
Honolulu/Honolulu County	905,034	\$92,372,263	\$102
Boston	608,352	\$61,298,456	\$101
Colorado Springs	376,427	\$34,975,829	\$93
Tucson	525,529	\$48,439,933	\$92
Oakland	401,489	\$36,639,244	\$91
Greensboro, North Carolina	247,183	\$22,209,667	\$90
Anaheim	333,249	\$27,745,975	\$83
Austin	743,074	\$61,604,662	\$83
Columbus	747,755	\$61,385,891	\$82
St. Petersburg	246,407	\$20,082,395	\$82
Cleveland	438,042	\$35,137,313	\$80
Anchorage/Anchorage Borough	279,671	\$22,197,245	\$79

## REPORT #5: TOTAL SPENDING ON PARKS AND RECREATION PER RESIDENT BY CITY

City	Population	Total Park Expenditure	Expenditure per Resident
Glendale, Arizona	253,152	\$19,215,299	\$76
Jersey City	242,389	\$18,343,171	\$76
San Antonio	1,328,984	\$99,632,176	\$75
Corpus Christi	285,507	\$21,368,893	\$75
Lexington/Fayette	282,114	\$19,484,199	\$69
Charlotte/Mecklenburg	890,515	\$61,363,894	\$69
Lincoln	248,744	\$17,096,796	\$69
Arlington, Texas	371,038	\$25,416,070	\$68
Philadelphia	1,449,634	\$98,705,892	\$68
Baltimore	640,150	\$43,230,406	\$68
Miami	424,662	\$27,566,438	\$65
Newark, New Jersey	280,135	\$17,969,407	\$64
St. Louis	355,663	\$22,362,534	\$63
Fort Worth	681,818	\$42,357,188	\$62
Mesa	452,933	\$27,526,395	\$61
Albuquerque	518,271	\$31,382,000	\$61
Milwaukee/Milwaukee County	953,328	\$55,641,698	\$58
Wichita	361,420	\$20,532,393	\$57
Jacksonville	805,605	\$45,553,307	\$57
Pittsburgh	311,218	\$17,179,649	\$55
Fort Wayne	251,247	\$13,858,649	\$55
Louisville	713,877	\$39,237,621	\$55
Fresno	470,508	\$25,171,985	\$53
Oklahoma City	547,274	\$28,720,717	\$52
Omaha	424,482	\$22,228,306	\$52
Los Angeles	3,834,340	\$181,577,119	\$47
Indianapolis	795,458	\$35,532,390	\$45
Santa Ana	339,555	\$15,059,729	\$44
Tulsa	384,037	\$16,705,961	\$44
Detroit	916,952	\$36,500,000	\$40
Houston	2,208,180	\$87,457,300	\$40
Memphis	674,028	\$26,291,152	\$39
Toledo	316,851	\$11,923,351	\$38
El Paso	606,913	\$18,612,864	\$31
Stockton	287,245	\$6,600,000	\$23
Buffalo	272,632	\$3,203,862	\$12
<b>Total, All Cities:</b>		<b>\$5,729,777,869</b>	
		<b>Median, All Cities:</b>	<b>\$82</b>

# REPORT #6: OPERATIONAL SPENDING (WITHOUT CAPITAL SPENDING) PER RESIDENT BY CITY

FY 2007

*Operating expenditure does not include capital expenditure. If a city has more than one agency, expenditures are combined.*

City	Population	Park Operating Expenditure	Expenditure per Resident
Washington, D.C.	588,292	\$141,656,909	\$241
San Francisco	764,976	\$151,441,601	\$198
Minneapolis	377,392	\$68,809,489	\$182
Seattle	594,210	\$99,539,947	\$168
St. Paul	277,251	\$42,100,000	\$152
Tampa	336,823	\$46,217,371	\$137
Las Vegas	558,880	\$68,350,018	\$122
Henderson	249,386	\$29,157,570	\$117
Chicago	2,836,658	\$327,342,203	\$115
Portland, Oregon	550,396	\$62,366,656	\$113
Long Beach	466,520	\$50,867,863	\$109
Sacramento	460,242	\$49,835,273	\$108
Aurora, Colorado	311,794	\$33,227,432	\$107
Cincinnati	332,458	\$35,286,961	\$106
Virginia Beach	434,743	\$45,049,343	\$104
Raleigh	375,806	\$35,582,587	\$95
San Diego	1,266,731	\$118,040,309	\$93
Oakland	401,489	\$34,757,773	\$87
Tucson	525,529	\$45,352,519	\$86
Bakersfield	315,837	\$27,180,138	\$86
Atlanta	519,145	\$44,047,692	\$85
Denver	588,349	\$49,259,316	\$84
Kansas City, Missouri	475,830	\$38,063,354	\$80
St. Petersburg	246,407	\$19,233,034	\$78
New York	8,310,212	\$646,209,326	\$78
Greensboro, North Carolina	247,183	\$18,714,635	\$76
Phoenix	1,552,259	\$112,683,762	\$73
Plano	260,796	\$18,805,735	\$72
Colorado Springs	376,427	\$26,817,804	\$71
Anaheim	333,249	\$23,339,173	\$70
Cleveland	438,042	\$30,591,881	\$70
Honolulu/Honolulu County	905,034	\$62,402,095	\$69
Anchorage/Anchorage Borough	279,671	\$19,178,200	\$69
Corpus Christi	285,507	\$19,402,693	\$68
Lexington/Fayette	282,114	\$18,702,599	\$66
Boston	608,352	\$38,624,208	\$63
Miami	424,662	\$26,395,681	\$62
Arlington, Texas	371,038	\$22,635,498	\$61
Riverside, California	294,437	\$17,542,819	\$60
San Jose	939,899	\$54,850,146	\$58
Lincoln	248,744	\$14,373,703	\$58

## REPORT #6: OPERATIONAL SPENDING (WITHOUT CAPITAL SPENDING) PER RESIDENT BY CITY

City	Population	Park Operating Expenditure	Expenditure per Resident
Philadelphia	1,449,634	\$80,414,853	\$55
Nashville/Davidson	590,807	\$32,364,025	\$55
St. Louis	355,663	\$19,030,233	\$54
Austin	743,074	\$37,991,940	\$51
Mesa	452,933	\$22,727,770	\$50
Albuquerque	518,271	\$25,322,000	\$49
Wichita	361,420	\$17,326,436	\$48
Columbus	747,755	\$35,693,106	\$48
Baltimore	640,150	\$30,526,884	\$48
Fort Wayne	251,247	\$11,883,928	\$47
Pittsburgh	311,218	\$14,704,649	\$47
Chandler, Arizona	246,399	\$11,606,839	\$47
Fort Worth	681,818	\$32,006,835	\$47
Fresno	470,508	\$21,550,200	\$46
Glendale, Arizona	253,152	\$11,436,111	\$45
Jersey City	242,389	\$10,843,171	\$45
Oklahoma City	547,274	\$24,423,783	\$45
Dallas	1,266,372	\$55,308,719	\$44
Tulsa	384,037	\$16,358,660	\$43
Milwaukee/Milwaukee County	953,328	\$40,200,000	\$42
San Antonio	1,328,984	\$55,616,848	\$42
Omaha	424,482	\$17,658,666	\$42
Jacksonville	805,605	\$32,456,891	\$40
Indianapolis	795,458	\$30,932,362	\$39
Charlotte/Mecklenburg	890,515	\$34,380,660	\$39
Los Angeles	3,834,340	\$145,079,980	\$38
Santa Ana	339,555	\$12,384,883	\$36
Newark, New Jersey	280,135	\$10,073,674	\$36
Louisville	713,877	\$24,804,860	\$35
Toledo	316,851	\$10,729,903	\$34
Houston	2,208,180	\$74,356,052	\$34
Detroit	916,952	\$28,500,000	\$31
El Paso	606,913	\$18,089,219	\$30
Stockton	287,245	\$6,600,000	\$23
Memphis	674,028	\$15,405,208	\$23
Buffalo	272,632	\$3,203,862	\$12
<b>Total, All Cities:</b>		<b>\$3,906,028,526</b>	
		<b>Median, All Cities:</b>	<b>\$60</b>

# REPORT #7: REGULAR, NON-SEASONAL EMPLOYEES PER 10,000 RESIDENTS, BY MAJOR CITY AGENCY

FY 2008

*Regular, non-seasonal employees includes full-time and part-time staff as FTEs, but excludes seasonal staff.*

Agency	Population	Number of Regular, Non-Seasonal Employees	Employees per 10,000 Residents
Seattle Parks and Recreation	594,210	1,007	16.9
Virginia Beach Dept of Parks and Recreation	434,743	736	16.9
Tampa Parks and Recreation Dept	336,823	542	16.1
St. Petersburg Parks Dept	246,407	395	16.0
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board	377,392	580	15.4
Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation	401,489	608	15.1
District of Columbia Dept of Parks and Recreation	588,292	865	14.7
Cleveland Dept of Parks, Recreation & Properties	438,042	561	12.8
National Park Service (Washington, D.C.)	588,292	705	12.0
Anaheim Community Services Dept - Parks Division	333,249	398	11.9
Raleigh Parks and Recreation Dept	375,806	418	11.1
San Francisco Recreation and Park Dept	764,976	849	11.1
St. Paul Parks and Recreation	277,251	301	10.9
Denver Parks and Recreation Dept (within Denver)	588,349	622	10.6
Memphis Division of Park Services	674,028	700	10.4
Pittsburgh Dept of Public Works	311,218	322	10.3
Chicago Park District	2,836,658	2,869	10.1
Chandler Community Services Dept	246,399	240	9.7
Greensboro Parks and Recreation Dept	247,183	238	9.6
Phoenix Dept of Parks and Recreation	1,552,259	1,491	9.6
Honolulu Dept of Parks and Recreation	905,034	847	9.4
Plano Parks and Recreation Dept	260,796	225	8.6
Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Dept	285,507	245	8.6
Sacramento Dept of Parks and Recreation	460,242	390	8.5
Tucson Parks and Recreation Dept	525,529	444	8.4
New York City Dept of Parks and Recreation	8,310,212	6,504	7.8
Nashville/Davidson Metropolitan Board of Parks & Rec	590,807	457	7.7
Austin Parks and Recreation	743,074	570	7.7
Portland Parks and Recreation	550,396	414	7.5
Dallas Park and Recreation Dept	1,266,372	952	7.5
Henderson Parks & Recreation Dept	249,386	186	7.5
St. Louis Dept of Parks, Recreation & Forestry	355,663	265	7.5
Atlanta Dept of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs	519,145	366	7.1
Kansas City Dept of Parks, Recreation & Blvds	475,830	335	7.0
Wichita Park and Recreation Dept	361,420	252	7.0
Arlington, Texas, Parks and Recreation Dept	371,038	256	6.9
Detroit Recreation Dept	916,952	620	6.8
Baltimore City Dept of Recreation and Parks	640,150	426	6.7
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Gov't. Div. of Parks and Rec	282,114	187	6.6
Aurora Parks and Open Space Dept	311,794	203	6.5
San Diego Park and Recreation Dept	1,266,731	759	6.0
Louisville Metro Parks	713,877	424	5.9
Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Dept	376,427	223	5.9
San Jose Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services Dept	939,899	552	5.9

## REPORT #7: REGULAR, NON-SEASONAL EMPLOYEES PER 10,000 RESIDENTS, BY MAJOR CITY AGENCY

Agency	Population	Number of Regular, Non-Seasonal Employees	Employees per 10,000 Residents
San Antonio Parks and Recreation Dept	1,328,984	778	5.9
Fort Worth Dept of Parks and Community Services	681,818	392	5.7
Cincinnati Recreation Commission	332,458	190	5.7
Los Angeles Dept of Recreation and Parks	3,834,340	2,117	5.5
Miami Parks and Recreation Dept	424,662	230	5.4
Lincoln Parks & Recreation Dept	248,744	132	5.3
Long Beach Dept of Parks, Recreation & Marine	466,520	245	5.3
Albuquerque Dept of Parks and Recreation	518,271	271	5.2
Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation (Charlotte)	890,515	459	5.2
Bakersfield Recreation and Parks Dept	315,837	160	5.1
Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Dept	251,247	123	4.9
Jacksonville Dept of Recreation and Community Services	805,605	387	4.8
El Paso Parks & Recreation Dept	606,913	287	4.7
Mesa Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Dept	452,933	206	4.5
Houston Parks and Recreation Dept	2,208,180	962	4.4
Indianapolis Dept of Parks and Recreation	795,458	346	4.3
Riverside Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept	294,437	127	4.3
Omaha Dept of Parks, Recreation and Public Property	424,482	182	4.3
Columbus Recreation and Parks Dept	747,755	299	4.0
Glendale Parks & Recreation Dept	253,152	100	4.0
Tulsa City Park and Recreation Dept	384,037	150	3.9
Boston Parks and Recreation Dept	608,352	235	3.9
Oklahoma City Dept of Parks and Recreation	547,274	198	3.6
Fresno Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services	470,508	170	3.6
Anchorage Parks & Recreation Dept	279,671	101	3.6
Cincinnati Park Board	332,458	120	3.6
Las Vegas Dept of Leisure Services	558,880	201	3.6
Santa Ana Parks, Recreation and Community Services	339,555	110	3.2
Philadelphia Dept of Recreation	1,449,634	457	3.2
Milwaukee County Dept of Parks, Recreation & Culture	953,328	285	3.0
Jersey City Division of Parks and Forestry	242,389	64	2.6
Aurora Library, Recreation and Cultural Services Dept	311,794	70	2.2
Erie County Dept of Parks, Recreation & Forestry (within Buffalo)	272,632	54	2.0
Newark Dept of Neighborhood & Recreational Services	280,135	42	1.5
Stockton Public Works Dept	287,245	40	1.4
Mass. Dept of Conservation and Recreation (within Boston)	608,352	73	1.2
Fairmount Park Commission (Philadelphia)	1,449,634	156	1.1
Toledo Division of Parks and Forestry	316,851	3	0.1
<b>Total, All Major City Agencies:</b>		<b>41,071</b>	
		<b>Median, All Major City Agencies:</b>	<b>6.0</b>

# SNAPSHOT REPORTS—THE TOP 10

FY 2008

If a city has more than one agency, facilities are combined. For the full reports, visit [www.tpl.org/cityparkfacts](http://www.tpl.org/cityparkfacts).

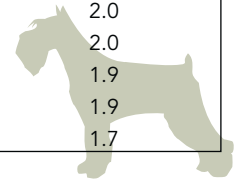
## REPORT #8: BALL DIAMONDS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS BY CITY

City	Number of Ball Diamonds	Diamonds per 10,000 Residents
Portland, Oregon	404	7.3
St. Paul	154	5.6
Minneapolis	195	5.2
Cincinnati	149	4.5
Pittsburgh	128	4.1
Jacksonville	281	3.5
Colorado Springs	123	3.3
Omaha	137	3.2
Kansas City, Missouri	152	3.2
Baltimore	204	3.2

Ball diamonds include both baseball and softball diamonds.

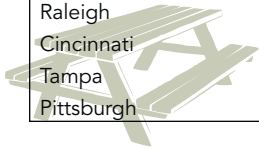
## REPORT #9: DOG PARKS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS BY CITY

City	Number of Dog Parks	Dog Parks per 100,000 Residents
Portland, Oregon	31	5.6
Las Vegas	23	4.1
San Francisco	27	3.5
Bakersfield	7	2.2
Tampa	7	2.1
St. Petersburg	5	2.0
Henderson	5	2.0
Colorado Springs	7	1.9
Seattle	11	1.9
Austin	13	1.7



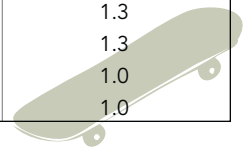
## REPORT #10: RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTERS PER 20,000 RESIDENTS BY CITY

City	Number of Recreation Centers	Centers per 20,000 Residents
St. Paul	41	3.0
Minneapolis	49	2.6
Washington, D.C.	70	2.4
Philadelphia	163	2.2
Honolulu/Honolulu County	94	2.1
Chicago	263	1.9
Raleigh	33	1.8
Cincinnati	29	1.7
Tampa	26	1.5
Pittsburgh	24	1.5



## REPORT #11: SKATEBOARD PARKS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS BY CITY

City	Number of Skateboard Parks	Skateboard Parks per 100,000 Residents
Las Vegas	10	1.8
Sacramento	8	1.7
Long Beach	8	1.7
Henderson	4	1.6
Minneapolis	6	1.6
Colorado Springs	5	1.3
Honolulu/Honolulu County	12	1.3
Fresno	6	1.3
Albuquerque	5	1.0
Pittsburgh	3	1.0



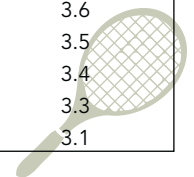
## REPORT #12: SWIMMING POOLS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS BY CITY

City	Number of Swimming Pools	Pools per 100,000 Residents
Cincinnati	37	11.1
Cleveland	40	9.1
Denver	40	6.8
Pittsburgh	19	6.1
Tulsa	23	6.0
Philadelphia	85	5.9
Washington, D.C.	34	5.8
Tucson	25	4.8
Austin	34	4.6
Jacksonville	36	4.5

Swimming pools include both indoor and outdoor pools, 4 foot minimum depth.

## REPORT #13: TENNIS COURTS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS BY CITY

City	Number of Tennis Courts	Courts per 10,000 Residents
Minneapolis	181	4.8
Greensboro, North Carolina	118	4.8
Omaha	188	4.4
Virginia Beach	161	3.7
Cincinnati	122	3.7
Washington, D.C.	209	3.6
St. Paul	97	3.5
Atlanta	175	3.4
Tulsa	128	3.3
Plano	81	3.1



# INDIVIDUAL PARKS OF INTEREST

## THE 80 LARGEST CITY PARKS

These are the largest parks located within the limits of a U.S. city. Most are owned by the municipality, but some are owned by a state, a county, a regional agency or the federal government. If a park extends beyond the boundary of the city, only the acreage within the city is noted here.

Note: New York's Central Park, commonly thought to be the largest city park, is 840 acres and number 127 on the list. For the 150 largest city parks, visit [www.tpl.org/cityparkfacts](http://www.tpl.org/cityparkfacts).

KEY	M: Municipally Owned Park	S: State Park	C: County Park	R: Regional Park	NP: National Park	NWR: National Wildlife Refuge
Rank	Park Name	Type	Acres	City		
1	Chugach State Park	S	490,125	Anchorage		
2	Franklin Mountains State Park	S	23,909	El Paso		
3	Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge	NWR	22,770	New Orleans		
4	South Mountain Preserve	M	16,094	Phoenix		
5	Carvins Cove Natural Reserve	M	12,700	Roanoke, Virginia		
6	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	M	11,250	Scottsdale		
7	Cullen Park	M	9,270	Houston		
8	Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve	NP	7,870	Jacksonville		
9	George Bush Park	C	7,800	Houston		
10	North Mountain Preserve	M	7,500	Phoenix		
11	Gateway National Recreation Area (part)	NP	7,138	New York		
12	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge (part)	NWR	6,800	San Jose, California		
13	Jefferson Memorial Forest	M	6,011	Louisville		
14	Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge (part)	NWR	6,000	Eufaula, Alabama		
15	Mission Trail	M	5,840	San Diego		
16	William B. Umstead State Park	S	5,579	Raleigh		
17	Ahupua`a O Kahana State Park	S	5,229	Honolulu		
18	Forest Park	M	5,157	Portland, Oregon		
19	Longview Lake Park	C	4,852	Kansas City, Missouri		
20	Far North Bicentennial Park	M	4,500	Anchorage		
21	Eagle Creek Park	M	4,279	Indianapolis		
22	Griffith Park	M	4,217	Los Angeles		
23	Fairmount Park - Wissahickon Valley	M	4,167	Philadelphia		
24	Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve	S	3,896	Jacksonville		
25	Walter E. Long Park	M	3,715	Austin		
26	Bidwell Park	M	3,670	Chico, California		
27	Fort Worth Nature Center/Wildlife Refuge	S	3,662	Fort Worth		
28	Mountain Creek Lake Park	M	3,643	Dallas		
29	Bays Mountain Park	M	3,585	Kingsport, Tennessee		
30	False Cape State Park and Natural Area Preserve	S	3,572	Virginia Beach		
31	Bonita Lakes Park	M	3,462	Meridian, Mississippi		
32	North Landing River State Natural Area Preserve	S	3,440	Virginia Beach		
33	First Landing State Park	S	3,410	Virginia Beach		
34	Shelby Farms Park	C	3,200	Memphis		
35	Trinity River Park	M	3,173	Dallas		
36	Mohawk Park and Golf Course	M	3,100	Tulsa		
37	Brecksville Reservation (part)	R	3,026	Brecksville, Ohio		
38	Cecil Field Greenway	M	2,866	Jacksonville		
39	Pelham Bay Park	M	2,765	New York		
40	Newport News Park (part)	M	2,688	Newport News, Virginia		

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Rank	Park Name	Type	Acres	City
41	Otter Creek Park	M	2,600	Louisville
42	Los Penasquitos Canyon	M	2,405	San Diego
43	Mill Stream Run Reservation (part)	R	2,238	Strongsville, Ohio
44	Steele Creek Park	M	2,224	Bristol, Tennessee
45	Bear Creek Pioneers Park	C	2,168	Houston
46	Tilden Park	M	2,077	Berkeley
47	Percy Warner Park	M	2,058	Nashville
48	Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area	M	2,031	Los Angeles
49	Galveston Island State Park	S	2,013	Galveston
50	Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area	R	1,973	Portland, Oregon
51	White Rock Lake Park	M	1,952	Dallas
52	Swope Park	M	1,805	Kansas City, Missouri
53	Torrey Pines State Reserve	S	1,800	San Diego
54	Calero County Park	C	1,782	San Jose, California
55	Greenbelt Park	M	1,778	New York
56	Barton Creek Greenway	M	1,771	Austin
57	Little Talbot Island State Park	S	1,768	Jacksonville
58	Mission Bay Park	M	1,756	San Diego
59	Rock Creek Park (part)	NP	1,754	Washington, D.C.
60	Tijuana River Valley Regional Park	C	1,710	San Diego
61	Big Talbot Island State Park	S	1,708	Jacksonville
62	Fort Harrison State Park	S	1,640	Lawrence, Indiana
63	Lake Leatherwood Park	M	1,620	Eureka Springs, Arkansas
64	Pennypack Park	M	1,618	Philadelphia
65	Claremont Hills Wilderness Park	M	1,589	Claremont, California
66	Burns Park	M	1,575	North Little Rock, Arkansas
67	Adobe Dam Recreation Area	C	1,526	Phoenix
68	Hidden Valley Wildlife Area	R	1,510	Riverside, California
69	Beaman Park	M	1,493	Nashville
70	The Presidio	NP	1,491	San Francisco
71	Wilderness Park	M	1,472	Lincoln
72	Mt. Airy Forest	M	1,471	Cincinnati
73	Memorial Park	M	1,466	Houston
74	Glenn Cunningham Lake	M	1,439	Omaha
75	Hansen Dam Recreation Center	M	1,437	Los Angeles
76	Stumpy Lake Park	M	1,435	Virginia Beach
77	Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park	M	1,424	Riverside, California
78	Kincaid Park	M	1,411	Anchorage
79	Rancho Diana	M	1,392	San Antonio
80	Sacred Falls State Park	S	1,374	Honolulu



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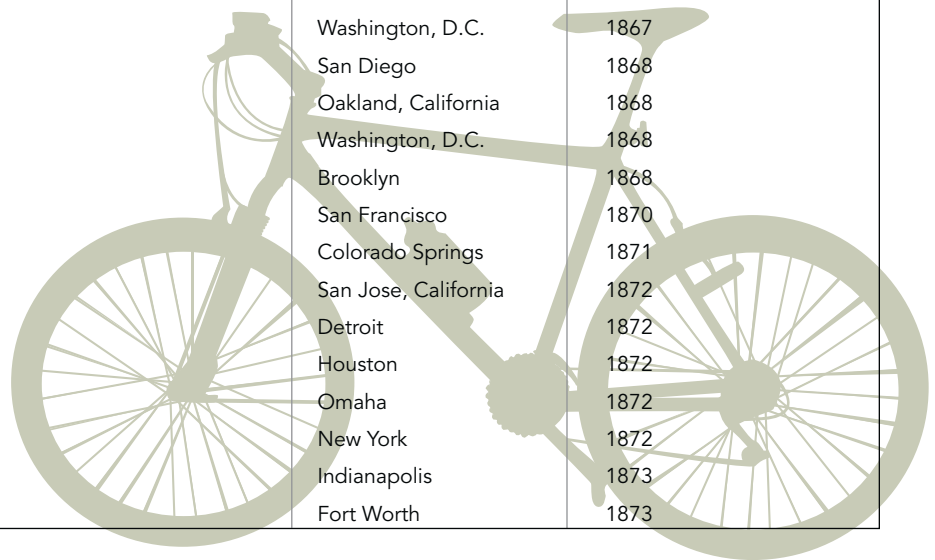
## THE 80 OLDEST CITY PARKS

*These are the 80 oldest U.S. city parks ranked chronologically. In the case of parks which were enlarged later, the date refers to the year of initial creation or acquisition. In the case of parks whose names have changed, the modern name is given. Of course, before the European invasion, there were hundreds of even older plazas, sports fields, ceremonial grounds and food preparation commons in such Native American communities as Cahokia, Cheektowaga, Tathlapotle and Taos Pueblo, but the pre-historical record does not yield dates of their establishment.*

Rank	Park Name	City	Year Established
1	Plaza de la Constitución	St. Augustine, Florida	1573
2	Boston Common	Boston	1634
3	New Haven Green	New Haven	1641
4	Washington/Marion Squares	Charleston, South Carolina	1680
5	Rittenhouse/Washington/Logan/Franklin Squares	Philadelphia	1682
6	Salem Common	Salem, Massachusetts	1685
7	Battery Park	New York	1686
8	Military/Washington Parks	Newark, New Jersey	1697
9	Jackson Square	New Orleans	1718
10	San Pedro Springs Park	San Antonio	1729
11	Bowling Green	New York	1733
11	Johnson Square	Savannah	1733
13	Old Town Plaza	Albuquerque	1760
14	El Pueblo	Los Angeles	1781
15	National Mall	Washington, D.C.	1790
16	Settlers Landing	Cleveland	1796
17	Duane Street Park	New York	1797
18	Village Green Park	Worthington, Ohio	1803
19	Lafayette Square	Washington, D.C.	1804
20	Gravois/Laclede/Mt. Pleasant Parks	St. Louis	1812
21	Jackson Place Park	St. Louis	1816
22	Auction Park	Memphis	1819
23	Santa Fe Plaza	Santa Fe	1821
24	Washington Square	New York	1823
25	Patterson Park	Baltimore	1827
26	Union Square	New York	1832
27	Tompkins Square Park	New York	1833
28	Cathedral Square Park	Milwaukee	1835
28	Van Vorst Park	Jersey City, New Jersey	1835
30	Port Richmond Park	Staten Island	1836
31	Grant Park	Chicago	1837
32	Lafayette Park	St. Louis	1838
33	Daniel Carter Beard Memorial Square	Queens	1841
34	Chapman Park	Portland, Oregon	1843
35	Wyanda Park	Queens	1844
36	Thomas Square	Honolulu	1845
37	Madison Square Park/Reservoir Square (Bryant Park)	New York	1847
37	Portsmouth Square	San Francisco	1847
37	Washington Park (Fort Greene Park)	Brooklyn	1847
40	Rice Park	St. Paul	1849

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Rank	Park Name	City	Year Established
40	Sutter Land Grants Park	Sacramento	1849
42	Grand Circus Park	Detroit	1850
42	Oakland Cemetery	Atlanta	1850
42	Pantoja Park	San Diego	1850
42	Union/Washington Squares	San Francisco	1850
46	Goodale Park	Columbus	1851
46	Monroe Park	Richmond, Virginia	1851
48	Union Park	Chicago	1853
49	Artesian Park	Corpus Christi, Texas	1854
49	Bushnell Park	Hartford, Connecticut	1854
49	City Park	New Orleans	1854
49	Elm Park	Worcester, Massachusetts	1854
53	East Fairmount Park	Philadelphia	1855
53	Esther Short Park	Vancouver, Washington	1855
53	Washington Park	Cincinnati	1855
56	Hemming Plaza	Jacksonville	1857
56	Murphy Square	Minneapolis	1857
58	Central Park	New York	1858
58	San Jacinto Plaza	El Paso	1858
60	Druid Hill Park	Baltimore	1860
61	Miller Park	Lynchburg, Virginia	1862
62	Old Fort Park	Fort Wayne, Indiana	1863
63	Pershing Square	Los Angeles	1866
64	Allegheny Commons	Pittsburgh	1867
64	Buena Vista Park	San Francisco	1867
64	Cooper Park	Lincoln	1867
64	The Ellipse	Washington, D.C.	1867
68	Balboa Park	San Diego	1868
68	DeFremery Park	Oakland, California	1868
68	Farragut/Franklin Squares	Washington, D.C.	1868
68	Prospect Park	Brooklyn	1868
72	Golden Gate Park	San Francisco	1870
73	Acadia Park	Colorado Springs	1871
74	Alum Rock	San Jose, California	1872
74	Belle Isle	Detroit	1872
74	Emancipation Park	Houston	1872
74	Hancom Park	Omaha	1872
74	Riverside Park	New York	1872
79	Garfield Park	Indianapolis	1873
79	Hyde Park	Fort Worth	1873



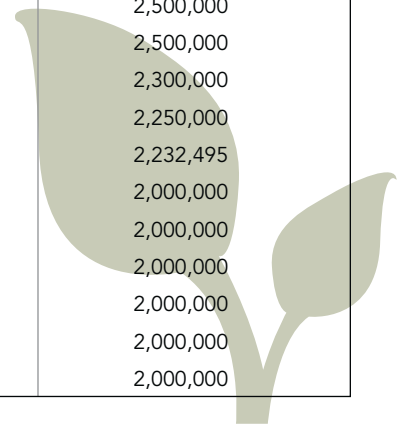
# INDIVIDUAL PARKS OF INTEREST

## THE 40 MOST VISITED CITY PARKS

For the 96 most visited city parks, visit [www.tpl.org/cityparkfacts](http://www.tpl.org/cityparkfacts).

Rank	Park Name	City	Annual Visitorship
1	Central Park	New York	25,000,000
2	Lincoln Park	Chicago	20,000,000
3	Balboa Park	San Diego	14,000,000
4	Golden Gate Park	San Francisco	13,000,000
5	Forest Park	St. Louis	12,000,000
5	Griffith Park	Los Angeles	12,000,000
7	City Park	New Orleans	11,000,000*
8	Coney Island Beach and Boardwalk	New York	10,600,000
9	Fairmount Park	Philadelphia	10,000,000
9	The National Mall	Washington, D.C.	10,000,000
11	Cleveland Lakefront State Park	Cleveland	8,850,000
12	Prospect Park	New York	8,000,000
13	Fair Park	Dallas	7,000,000
14	Chain of Lakes Regional Park	Minneapolis	5,549,300
15	Old Sacramento State Park	Sacramento	5,000,000
15	The Presidio	San Francisco	5,000,000
17	Hermann Park	Houston	4,600,000
18	Liberty State Park	Jersey City, New Jersey	4,276,422
19	Independence National Historical Park	Philadelphia	4,076,638
20	Bryant Park	New York	3,800,000
21	Belle Isle Park	Detroit	3,710,492
22	Green Lake Park	Seattle	3,650,000
23	White River State Park	Indianapolis	3,500,000
24	Memorial Park	Houston	3,246,000
25	Centennial Olympic Park	Atlanta	3,200,000
26	Battery Park	New York	3,000,000
26	Piedmont Park	Atlanta	3,000,000
26	White River Greenway	Indianapolis	3,000,000
29	Riverside Park	New York	2,800,000
30	Drew Field	Jacksonville	2,500,000
30	Millennium Park	Chicago	2,500,000
32	Rockaway Beach and Boardwalk	New York	2,300,000
33	Lake Harriet Park/Lyndale Park	Minneapolis	2,250,000
34	Boston National Historical Park	Boston	2,232,495
35	Audubon Park	New Orleans	2,000,000
35	Boston Common	Boston	2,000,000
35	City Park	Denver	2,000,000
35	Garden of the Gods Park	Colorado Springs	2,000,000
35	Lyon Park	St. Louis	2,000,000
35	Rock Creek Park	Washington, D.C.	2,000,000

\*Annual visitorship for City Park is before Hurricane Katrina, August 2005.







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